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As previously mentioned, the stator segment core 120 is defined by a plurality of stator plates 126 that are stacked together. The stator plates 126 are die cut from thin sheets of magnetically conductive material. During the die cutting operation, a first pair of slits 150 are cut into the outer rim section 128 and a second pair of slits 152 are cut into the pole section 130 and central portions 153 between the slits are deformed. The slits 150 are transverse in alignment relative to the slits 152. The stator plates 126 that form the stator segment core 120 are stacked and press fit. This operation results in the stator plates 126 being releasably interconnected to define the stator segment core 120.

Please replace Paragraph [0059] with the following paragraph:

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Terminals 170 and 172 are shown in FIGs. 8 and 10A to be mounted in slots 174 and 176 (FIG. 10C) formed in an end surface 178A of the first end cap 164A. One end of the winding wire 124 is connected to the first terminal 170 while an opposite end of the winding wire 124 is connected to the second terminal 172. Insulating material 177 is shown to be positioned to cover winding wire 124 on both lateral sides of stator core 120. The insulating material 177 is also positioned between the stator segment core 120 and the winding wire 124 as can be seen in FIG. 7A.

DRAWINGS

Applicant has amended FIG. 7A to include reference number 153 to identify the central portions between slits 150 and 152. No new matter has been entered as the central portions were described in paragraph 54 of Applicant's specification.